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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Re: Docket Numbers ~~E-01345A-08-0172~~ and E-00000J-08-0314

Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

We are writing to encourage you to choose increasing energy efficiency requirements as part of the APS rate case and as part of the Commission workshops on energy efficiency.

Investing in energy efficiency is a proven way to give consumers and businesses an important hedge against the volatility of fossil fuel related energy prices. Both businesses and personal budgets depend and thrive on stability and energy efficiency is a simple and timely solution.

Energy efficiency is not only proven but also easy to implement and the capital expenditure to facilitate minimal. Conservation through energy efficiency is the epitome of conservative thought.

In these tumultuous economic times it is more important than ever to take the long view to ensure that as our economy finds surer footing that the building blocks have been put in place to keep our economy strong. A short term increase in rates, which will afford long term bill savings is a solid economic choice that will serve public and corporate consumers well into the future.

We urge you to move forward and increase energy efficiency requirements as part of the APS rate case and as part of the Commission workshops on energy efficiency.

Regards,

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